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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 34th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 14, at 9:30 AM.

* 7 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Thursday, March 14, 2013

33rd Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

MOTIONS TO AGREE

HB 273 - Bibb County; State Court; provide additional judge

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for an additional judge, the appointment thereof, the election of, the terms of office for, and the compensation for, in the State Court of Bibb County.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- *A motion to agree represents final passage of this bill.*

LOCAL CALENDAR(S)

HB 233 - Albany, City of; levy an excise tax

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Albany to levy a hotel/motel tax.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Winfred Dukes of the 154th

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

HB 330 - Jonesboro, City of; \$10,000 of assessed value of homestead for residents; provide homestead exemption

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to restate the homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes to the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city and repeals an earlier Act which previously granted a homestead exemption from City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 75th

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 470 - Bibb County; Civil Service System and Civil Service Board; define a certain term; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the Act which created a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County so as to provide for the award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

HB 476 - Hinesville, City of; change corporate limits

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Hinesville.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Al Williams of the 168th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

HB 496 - Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 514 - Macon, City of; Payne City, City of; Bibb County; change provisions relative to initial budgets

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the Act to provide a unified form of government for Macon/Bibb County so as to change provisions relative to initial budgets, to provide for the first annual budget, to provide for the terms of certain boards, commissions, and authorities, to provide for transition of membership and appointing authority, to provide for membership on the transition task force, and to provide for a change in an effective date.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

HB 526 - North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 527 - Milton, City of; millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; clarify cap

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Milton so as to clarify the cap on the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes, to revise the term limits on the mayor and city council, to provide that the affirmative vote of five councilmembers shall be required to override a veto, and to provide for the selection and term of a mayor pro tempore.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 535 - Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; revise composition of board of directors

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the Act creating the Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau so as to revise the composition of the board of directors and the budget schedule.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 0

HB 541 - Fulton County; increase homestead exemption amount to \$60,000 after three-year phase in period; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to increase the homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes from \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00 after a three-year phase-in period.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

HB 542 - Hagan, City of; change description of election districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Hagan.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Delvis Dutton of the 157th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 0

HB 545 - Metropolitan Atlanta Aerotropolis Development Authority; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Metropolitan Atlanta Aerotropolis Development in Clayton County and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Valencia Stovall of the 74th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 548 - Smyrna, City of; change description of wards

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Smyrna.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 551 - Locust Grove, City of; change corporate limits

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Locust Grove.
- **Authored By:** Rep. David Knight of the 130th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 0

HB 552 - Appling County; board of elections; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Appling County Board of Elections and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 0

HB 553 - Montgomery County; board of commissioners; provide for appointment of county manager

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the appointment of a county manager and the powers and duties thereof in Montgomery County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 0

HB 556 - Columbus, City of; Recorder's Court; impose and collect technology fee for each fine imposed

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the Recorder's Court of Columbus/Muscogee County to impose and collect a technology fee, not to exceed \$15.00 for each fine imposed.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 557 - Danielsville, City of; provide for staggered, four-year terms for mayor and council

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Danielsville to provide for staggered, four-year terms for the mayor and council, to provide that the city clerk may serve as the city treasurer to provide that the municipal judge shall be a licensed attorney, to provide that the office of elected officials of 6 the city shall be vacated under certain circumstances.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

HB 558 - Colbert, City of; provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for mayor and council

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Colbert to provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

SB 182 - Board of Education of Hancock County; change description of education districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Hancock County Board of Education.

- **Authored By:** Sen. David Lucas of the 26th

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

SB 183 - Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County; change the description of the commissioner districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Hancock County Board of Commissioners.

- **Authored By:** Sen. David Lucas of the 26th

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 120; **Nays:** 51

SB 201 - Ad Valorem; homestead exemption; White County school district; educational purposes

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from White County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and whose income, not including certain retirement income, does not exceed \$25,000.00.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st

- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 3

** The House will reconvene Thursday, March 14, at 9:30 AM, for its 34th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 34th Legislative Day, Thursday, March 14, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

HR 218 - Local school superintendents; recognize that learning the United States Constitution is a vital facet of primary education; request

- BILL SUMMARY: House Resolution 218 requests that all local school superintendents in Georgia recognize that teaching the United States Constitution is an essential part of the curriculum for primary education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Barbara Sims of the 123rd
- **House Committee:** Education
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/26/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HR 410 - International Olympic Committee; keep wrestling in Olympic games after 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; request

- BILL SUMMARY: HR 410 is a resolution requesting that the International Olympic Committee keep wrestling in the Olympic Games after the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 75th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/5/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HR 532 - United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); utilize adaptive management techniques to control lake levels and river flows within Savannah River Basin; request

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution requests that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) utilize adaptive management techniques to control lake levels and river flows within the Savannah River Basin.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/6/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 61 - "Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act of 2013" change the due date for monthly rental payments

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 61 changes some provisions in the Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act.

It brings provisions up to date by adding electronic options for notification and advertisements, changes the due date for monthly rental payments, clarifies language regarding notification of enforcement of Owner's lien and changes provisions regarding delivery of the notification.

In addition, it adds Code provisions for a reasonable late fee and a towing option for Owners who have a lien on a motor vehicle or watercraft after 60 days of maturity of the rental obligation. Finally, it adds special treatment for service members who are overseas on active duty.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/12/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 66 - Courts; increase penalties that can impose for contempt of superior and state courts

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 66 raises the ceiling of fines for a contempt that a superior or state court may impose from \$500 to \$1000.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/12/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 81 - Forest Resources; shorten the legal season for harvesting ginseng

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill shortens the harvesting season for ginseng from September 1 to December 31, instead of August 15 to December 31.

Section 2

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Section 3

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/27/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 193 - "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act"; update

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 193 updates the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), last revised in 1996, which provides a substantive and procedural framework for the establishment, modification and subsequent enforcement of support orders among the states. Since then, UIFSA has been modernized to streamline interstate cooperation and to comply with the new Hague Maintenance Convention.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Cowser of the 46th
- **House Committee:** Juvenile Justice
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/11/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 14, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 35th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

SB 87 - Roadside Markets Incentive Program; repeal

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill repeals Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 2 relating to the roadside market incentive program.

Section 2

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

SB 97 - Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef; create; membership; powers

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill provides for the establishment of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef. For the purposes of this paragraph, 'beef' means any bovine animal.

Section 2

The bill provides for the governance of the commission and the balloting cycle of every three years.

Section 3

Code Section 2-8-14 is amended and relating to the composition of agricultural commodity commissions generally, so as to provide that each commission shall be comprised of: 1.) The Agriculture Commissioner, ex officio; 2.) The president of the Georgia Farm Bureau, ex officio; 3.) One member elected to serve as ex officio by the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee who shall be a producer of an affected agricultural commodity and shall not be a member of the General Assembly; 4.) One member elected to serve as ex officio by the House of Representatives Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee who shall be a producer of an affected agricultural commodity and shall not be a member of the General Assembly and 5.) Five

additional members, who shall be producers of the affected agricultural commodity, to be appointed by the ex officio members of the commission; provided however, that such additional membership of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall consist of three beef cattle farmers, one dairy farmer and one individual involved in the marketing of cattle.

For the purpose of appointment of the five members, the two members elected by the respective agriculture and consumer affairs committees of the General Assembly shall serve as ex officio members.

Section 4

Code Section 2-8-23.1 provides that no marketing order issued by the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall be impose an assessment in excess of \$1.00 per head on bovine animals sold, nor shall any assessment be placed on a bovine animal which sells for less than \$100.00. The assessment may be lower the assessment at the discretion of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef.

Section 5

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Section 6

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

SB 209 - Electronic Transactions; provide that no entity shall be prohibited from making self-help documents; not a substitute for advice of a professional

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill creates a new Code Section 10-12-14.1 which provides that no individual, company or other entity shall be prohibited from making available, designing, creating, publishing, assembling, completing distributing, displaying or selling self-help documents, information and automated forms in hard copy, electronically, or online, whether made available with or without a fee provided that the storefront, website or other medium from which the items or provided states that the items are not a substitute for the advice of a professional in the relevant industry.

Section2

This Act shall become effective upon the approval of the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SB 65 - Mental Health; authorize licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts; secure certification

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 65 allows licensed professional counselors to admit a person for involuntary emergency evaluation of mental illness under Code Section 37-3-41. This bill also allows licensed professional counselors to admit a person for involuntary treatment for alcohol or drug abuse under Code Section 37-7-41. This legislation provides for automatic repeal in two years.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee S Unterman of the 45th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Human Relations & Aging

SB 14 - Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force; create

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 14 creates a Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force. The task force shall study and collect data to assess the current and future impact of the disease, identify resources available to those with the disease, review the national Alzheimer's plan and develop a state plan for addressing Alzheimer's disease. The task force will consist of 6 members: the director of the Division of Aging Services within the Department of Human Services, the commissioner of community health or his or her designee, the state health officer or his or her designee, the chairperson of the House Committee on the Health and Human Services, the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the chairperson of the House Committee on Human Relations and Aging. The members will not receive compensation outside of their authorized per diem.

The goal of the task force is to create a comprehensive state plan to address Alzheimer's and related dementias in Georgia, which is due to the Governor and General Assembly on March 31, 2014. After the task force is abolished, the group becomes an advisory council meeting annually to review progress of the state plan.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee S Unterman of the 45th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Insurance

SB 140 - Insurance; include contracts, agreements, and instruments for repair of a motor vehicle

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 140 includes contracts, agreements, and instruments for the repair of certain wear and tear of a motor vehicle to include rips, burns, tears, holes, and punctures to interior fabric or carpet, cosmetic repair to aluminum or painted wheels, and exterior reconditioning of foggy or yellowed headlights within the definition of property insurance in a manner similar to vehicle service agreements or extended warranty agreements.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Murphy of the 27th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Insurance

SB 234 - Insurance; limited licenses to sell travel insurance; comprehensive revision of provision; issuance and regulation

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 234 provides for a limited license for travel agents and agencies to sell travel insurance.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Burt Jones of the 25th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Insurance

SB 236 - Insurance; require insurers; indicate amount of the premium increase; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 236 requires health insurance companies to include an attachment on their annual premium statement identifying what percentage increase in premium cost is attributable to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The provisions of this bill will stand repealed on December 31, 2014.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Burt Jones of the 25th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Interstate Cooperation

SB 206 - Interstate Cooperation; provide for delegation from the State of Georgia to certain conventions

- BILL SUMMARY: The Georgia Code is amended to add a new code section that provides for the appointment of seven delegates when an U.S. Article V convention is called where each state of the U.S. has one vote. Two delegates are appointed each by the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and the Governor. A final delegate shall be chosen by an affirmative vote by four out of the six appointed delegates.

No delegate is authorized to vote on an unauthorized Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and will take an oath not to do so. If a delegate votes on an unauthorized Amendment, the delegate may be removed by a majority vote by the other delegates.

Only when each state has one equal vote in such convention, will delegates be appointed. The term of the delegates shall be only for the duration of the particular Article V convention. This shall be effective immediately after passage for the 2013-2014 biennium by means of resolution for the purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the U.S. Constitution. If said resolution is not adopted, this Act will not be effective and will stand repealed as of January 1, 2015.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Cowser of the 46th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 569 - Bibb County State Court; provide additional judge

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, so as to provide an additional judge for said court; to provide for the election and terms of office for the judges of said court; to provide for compensation.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 570 - Bibb County; Civil Service Board; Civil Service System; provide for award of attorney's fee under certain conditions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act creating a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County so as to provide the award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 573 - Whitfield County; provide for creation of one or more community improvement districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Whitfield County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 574 - Johns Creek; City of; clarify cap on changing millage rate for ad valorem property taxes

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to incorporate the City of Johns Creek so as to clarify the cap on changing the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 576 - Wilcox County; board of elections and registration; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Wilcox County Board of Elections and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 578 - Columbia County; health insurance program; revise the time for vesting for certain officials

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to provide certain officials of Columbia County who have served at least 15 years in office may continue to participate in the county health insurance program upon leaving office.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil

SB 96 - State Courts, Solicitors-General of; part-time solicitor-general; engage in private practice of law; not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor-general's state court

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 96 allows part-time solicitors-general and assistant solicitors-general to engage in private practice as long as the part-time solicitor does not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor's state court or appear in any matter in which he or she has exercised jurisdiction.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil

SB 134 - Controlled Substances; revise the definition of "prescriber"

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 134 revises the definition of 'prescriber' as it relates to controlled substances to include physicians licensed or regulated under the laws of any state or territory of the United States.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil

SB 170 - Forgery and Fraudulent Practices; identity fraud; add medical identity fraud

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 170 adds medical identity fraud to the Code provisions relating to identity fraud.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Judiciary Non-Civil

SB 187 - State Government; provide exemption for the board of commissioners of Georgia Student Finance Commission; board of directors

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 187 adds the board of commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the board of directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority to the list of postsecondary education groups that must develop policies or regulations regarding postsecondary benefits that comply with federal law.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Judiciary Non-Civil

SB 204 - Appeal and Error; limit the scope of judgments/orders; child custody cases; direct appeal

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 204 clarifies that appeals that result from a child custody modification are directly appealable to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Cowser of the 46th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Motor Vehicles

SB 122 - Drivers' Licenses; authorize the issuance of a temporary driving permit; noncitizen applicant whose license has expired; filed extension

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 122 authorizes the issuance of a temporary driving permit to a noncitizen applicant whose Georgia driver's license has expired, or will expire, who has filed a request for a visa extension.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Hunter Hill of the 6th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Regulated Industries

SB 128 - Professional Counselors; revise definitions relating to marriage and family therapy

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation revises the scope of practice definition of "marriage and family therapy" to include the diagnoses of emotional and mental problems and conditions. It also names the "Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education" as the national accrediting agency for marriage and family therapy education as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

SB 142 - Georgia Judicial Retirement System; board of trustees; authority to determine the time/circumstances of paying benefits; qualified plan under federal law

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill adds and revises language under Article 6 of Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. First, language is added so that the board of trustees would be authorized to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to members, to preserve the systems status as a qualified plan under federal law. Also, language is added that states any state entity, other than the Georgia General Assembly, will notify the retirement system of any retired member that becomes employed and works over 1,040 hours in a calendar year. If the employer does not notify the system and wrongfully pays out any benefits the employer would have to reimburse the system. If the employee fails to notify the employer that they are a member of the retirement system, the employer is held harmless for any liability. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

SB 143 - Retirement System; board of trustees of public retirement systems; provide duties

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill adds language under Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. Language is added to reference common law duties for the board of trustees of public retirement systems that can be found in Title 53. This is a nonfiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

SB 178 - Georgia Legislative Retirement System; define a certain term; broaden certain provision

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill adds and revises language under Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System. First, language is added so that the board of trustees would be authorized to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to members, to preserve the systems status as a qualified plan under federal law. This bill also revises the definition of the term "public employer" as it relates to rehired retirees who return to work more than 1,040 hours in a calendar year. The term public employer now includes any branch of state government and any state agency, department, board, or bureau, which includes the Board of Regents and any public school system.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

State Properties

SR 113 - Public Property; granting of restrictive and nonexclusive easements for operation/maintenance of facilities, utilities 16 counties

- BILL SUMMARY: SR 113 is a resolution granting nonexclusive easements for operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through state-owned property in Barrow, Carroll, Chatham, Cobb, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Forsyth, Hall, Henry, Laurens, Macon, Paulding, Richmond, and White counties.

Article I grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.05 of an acre in Barrow County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Fort Yargo State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00. Article II grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.34 of an acre in Carroll County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the West Georgia Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article III grants a nonexclusive easement on 5.848 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a bridge. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Back River and connects to Jasper County, South Carolina. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article IV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.276 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Power Company, for installing, maintaining, and operating an underground electric utility line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Aviation Training Center on the Crossroads Campus of Savannah Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article V grants a nonexclusive easement contingent on the Department of Natural Resources' and State's approval, in Chatham

County to Regents, for the purpose of ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Wormsloe Historic Site. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article VI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.01 acres in Cobb County to the City of Marietta, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining a pedestrian trail and related sidewalks, ramps, piping and drainage structures, and signal boxes. The property is known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad tract and is currently in the custody of the State Properties Commission. The consideration for this easement is \$136,320.

Article VII grants a nonexclusive easement on 1 acre in Crisp County to the Citizens Telephone Company, Inc., for installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground fiber optic line and necessary equipment to provide internet service. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Georgia Veterans State Park at Lake Blackshear. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article VIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 2.92 acres in Dade County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Cloudland Canyon State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article IX grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.26 acres in Dawson County to Windstream Standard, L.L.C., for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground and above ground fiber optic line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Amicalola Falls State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article X grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Dawson County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line and necessary equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at Lanier Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XI grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in the City of Decatur, Dekalb County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating power lines and related facilities. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Decatur Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.13 acres in the City of Cumming, Forsyth County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating above and underground power lines, transformers, and power boxes. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Cumming National Guard Regional Readiness Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Hall County to the City of Gainesville, for the purpose of laying, constructing, operating, and maintaining utility structures including a sanitary sewer line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Gainesville Probation Office & Day Reporting Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XIV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Henry County to the Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Southern Crescent Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Laurens County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating underground power lines. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Dublin Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XVI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.63 acres in Macon County to the Flint electrical membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Education and is located at Camp John Hope. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XVII grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.7 acres in Paulding County to Mark B. Shipp and J. Cliff Shipp, for ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00 and the encumbrance of the Grantee's 45-acre property with the Right of First Refusal in favor of the State for the State to acquire that property for appraised value.

Article XVIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.27 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for installation, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the main campus of Augusta technical College in Richmond. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XIX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for the purpose of replacement of existing water meter, and installation of a new backflow preventer. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Augusta State Medical Prison. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.12 acres in White County to the Habersham Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead fiber optic cable line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Unicoi State Park and Lodge. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Jackson of the 24th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 14, 2013

TBD	Floor Session (LD34)	HOUSE CHAMBER (9:30am)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT	606 CLOB
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Jacobs Subcommittee (Two) of Judiciary Civil	132 CAP
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	RULES	341 CAP
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Powell Subcommittee (One) of Judiciary Civil	415 CLOB
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Ramsey Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil	132 CAP (or Upon Adjournment)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	JUDICIARY CIVIL	132 CAP
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil	506 CLOB (or Upon Adjournment)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	403 CAP

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